WEALTHY WOMAN MAY HAVE BEEN MURDERED

Mrs. Julia French, Found Dead in Her Home in Back Bay, Leaves \$400,000.

WARNED OF DANGER IN DREAM.

Lawver Savs She Asked Him to Make Careful Investigation if She Should Meet Death in an Elevator Shaft.

Roston March 21.-Robert M. Morse and Harrison Dunbam, who have acted as counsel for Mrs. Julia French, who was found dead in the elevator shaft in her Back Bay home yesterday, declared it as their belief that she died intestate. In this case the estate, valued at \$40,600, will be divided between two sons.

Mr. Dunham has suspicions about his client's death.

"The last time I saw her, two weeks ago," said he, "she told me that she felt she would be murdered in her home, as she had a dream that she would be killed by being thrown into the elevator well, and asked that if she did meet her death in the way described in the dream, that I would investigate it carefully.
"I feel that I ought to take some steps

in the matter. How to go about it I hardly know at present.

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The fact that a wrench was found on the floor from which Mrs. French is thought to have failed, evens to me suspicious. It is a well established fact that people who fall grip tightly anything that they may have in their hands at the time of their faillers. of their failing.

"Had Mrs. French been using this when she fell, I think the wrench would have been found in her hand or beside her body in the elevator well, instead of on the upper

THE STOCK-JUDGING CONTEST.

Prizes Awarded Students by the State Board of Agriculture.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL. Columbia, Mo., March 21.-Prizes have been awarded in the annual live-stock judging contest open to the students in the short course of agriculture at the Missouri State University. This course is designed for those who cannot spare the time for a more extended one, and instruction is given in topics of interest and profit to the agriculturists of the State. Tais consists of contributes of the Sinte. 123 consists of the Scale of the Constitution of the Constit

ing, carpentry, bookeeping, chemistry, geology and botany as they are related to agriculture.

The prizes this year were awarded to the following: First prize, George W. Hamilton, Fulton, second prize, Walter J. Schubert, Rockport; third prize, E. A. Loomis, Meadville. It will be seen that all of the prizes were won by Missouri students. They were given this year for the best essay upon "The Most Profitable Type of Beef Steers," and the highest grade in judging cattle. The cattle judged by the students consisted of twenty-right head of bulls, cows and steers of the Hereford and shorthorn varieties. They were scored by F. B. Mumford, an expert in live-stock judging, in the first place, and the grading of the students was compared with his as the standard.

Standard.

The prizes were awarded by the Missouri State Board of Agriculture, and Dean H. J. Waters of the agricultural department of the Missouri State University. Some of the essays will be published in the April bulletin of the Board of Agriculture, which will be devoted to the subject of "Beef Production." These bulletins will be for free distribution and can be had by applying to distribution and can be had by applying to George B. Ellis, secretary of the State Board of Agriculture, at this place.

PATRICK CASE NEAR ITS CLOSE. Arguments Begin Monday-Recor der Will Sum Up Wednesday.

New York, March 21.-The prosecution in the trial of Albert T. Patrick, accused of the murder of William M. Rice, closed its presentation of rebuttal evidence to-day and

court was adjourned until Monday, when the addresses of the defendant's counsel will be made. Tuesday will be given to the prosecution and Recorder Goff will sum up on Wednesday. Doctor John E. McAlister, who was present at the autopsy on Rice's body, testifier to-day that he saw no indications of dropsy in Pice's large

to-day that he saw no indications of dropsy in Rice's legs.

Mrs. Elizabeth Cortello, who was employed as cook in Patrick's boarding-house in September, 1900, said supper was served on the day Rice died at 6 o'clock, the usual hour. This contraducted several witnesses for the defense, who had testified that it was nearer 7 o'clock when supper was served that day. Lucy Calvin, who was a served that day. Lucy Calvin, who was a waitress in the house, followed and testified that she rang the supper bell on the day in question between 5.59 and 6 p. m. This closed the taking of evidence in the case.

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Mr. Moore of Patrick's counsel then moved that the District Attorney be compelled to say on which of the ten counts of the indictment against Patrick he asked conviction. The Recorder denied this motion, and also denied a formal motion to direct the acquittal of the defendant on the ground that the evidence did not justify a conviction, and should not be given to the jury.

Shot a Negro Barber,

REPUBLIC SPECIAL. tattie Rock, Ark., March 21.—H. M. Dickinson, a well-known negro barber of Little Rock, was shot and instantly killed this afternoon by W. A. Jones. Jones says he went to Dickinson's place to collect money on goods that he had purchased some time ago, and told him a payment must be m ago, and told him a payment must be made or he would get out papers for the seizure of the goods. He says that the negro cursed him and started toward him, putting his hand back toward his hip pocket as though to draw a weapon. Jones thereupon drew a pistol and emptied it at the negro, firing five shots. He was exonerated by the Coroner's jury.

St. Louisans in New York.

New York, March 21.—Among the arrivals at the hotels here to-day were the following St. Louisans:

St. Louisains:

P. Bakewell, Miss M. Bakewell, Miss E. Bakewell, Miss Cunningham, D. R. Hussell, Holland;

E. F. Besch and Mirs, Beach, A. Anheuser, Waldorf, Mrs. A. W. Phelps, Mrs. I. G. Fairband,

fifth Avonue; W. C. Barker, T. M. Pierson,

Grand Union; D. Klauber, R. R. Steiner, Broad

dway Central; O. Docring and Mrs. Docring, Her
ald Square; D. Treadway, Gilsey.

"COFFEE HEARTS."

More Frequent Than Tobacco Hearts,

Coffee drinking frequently affects the

Coffee Grinking frequently affects the heart, and many cases of heart trouble are relieved or entirely cured by leaving off coffee and taking on Postum Food Coffee.

A good illustration is that of a lady who says: "I was troubled, for many years, with my heart, and at times would become unconscious. The children have many times run for the neighbors to come in and restore me by putting my feet in hot water and rubbing me.

"Dr. Short frequently told me that coffee was a polson to me and was really the cause of my weak heart. I could not do without the coffee, though, but finally the doctor told me it was certain death if I did not give if up. This was about five years ago, and I changed from coffee to coffee since my first cup of Postum.

"I gave an little Postum to a lady friend one day to take home and try. She reported that she did not like it at all. I found she boiled it only five minutes, so I gave her some more and told her to boil it 30 minutes. That was different. She has been using Postum now a long time.

"It cured her daughter of liver trouble, restored her fresh, pretty complexion, and cured her fall pretty from the first week in May. The withdrawal of Bloomfield and Charles W. Wellman of Sullivan.

WOMAN'S TRAINING SCHOOL EXHIBITION,



-By a Republic Photographer.

Reading from left to right the members of the class are: Clara Semmelroth, Hazel Burkhardt, Miss Rein, Emelia Zbaren, Ida Nauer, Miss Louisa Grawes, teacher of the class; Catherine Hienrichs, Emma Fisher and Inez Shay.

The Woman's Training School celebrated the twentieth anniversary of its organization yesterday afternoon, with a reception and exhibition of work, at its quarters, on the corner of Eighteenth and Locust streets. A feature of the entertainment was a reunion of the managers, Young Ladies' Auxiliary, associate members, sustaining members and contributors of the institu-

than 150 persons attended the entertainment In the large parlor on the first floor refreshments were served by members of the Young Ladies' Auxillary. The remainder of the building was devoted to the display of work done by students in the domestic science and domestic art departments.

The domestic science display consisted of numerous tempting dishes, prepared by the candidates for testimonials in cooking other good things, gotten up in as attracthese delicacies, and in every case pro nounced them excellent.

THREATENED TO REPLEVIN THE CORPSE

Funeral of Mrs. Schlesinger to Take Place.

The funeral of Mrs. Carrie Schlesinger, which took places yesterday afternoon from the residence of Levi Silverman, No. 286 Olive striet, was nearly interrupted by a dispute between Mrs. Schlesinger's son, Genry Schlesinger, and Silverman and his wife about pay for the care of Mrs. Schlesinger.

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Schlesinger employed Attornsy Howard Sidener to bring suit for possession of his mother's body. The matter was compromised, however, in time to allow the funeral to take place at the time announced, and the suit was not filed.

Mrs. Schlesinger, who had been stopping with the Silvermans for some weeks, died last Wednesday. Her son is a traveling man. The Silvermans wired him of his mother's death and re reached St. Louis yesterday morning. At the Silverman house he was told, it was stated, that there was due S0 for his mother's care. This he decimed to pay.

due S0 for his mother's care. This he declined to pay.

Attorney Sidener said that Schlesinger was told that unless he pool the 190 he could not get the body.

Attorney Sidener and Schlesinger went to Justice Walker's court to the the suit. Four trunks, and some articles of furniture, in addition to the basket and body of Mrs. Schlesinger, were included in the writ of replevin, which was to be applied for. The value was placed at \$100.

It was near 3 o'clock, the time set for the innernal, when Schlesinger left the Justice's ourt to get a bendsman. He did not remain, and his atterney, after waiting for tene time, returned to his office.

REDUCTION IS NOTED IN EXPORT TRADE Compromise of Board Bill Enabled | Decrease Largely Due to Home De-

mand-United States Stand at Head of Export Nations.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL. Washington, March 21.-For the first time In three years the export trade of the United States is showing a decided falling off. The figures for eight months ending with February indicate a decrease of \$41,-000,000, or about \$5,000,000 n menth.

The decrease is largely in corn, in copper, in which prices have greatly fallen, and it fron and steel manufactures, due to the unusual demand of the home market upon our manufactures and the reduced demand in foreign markets. In corn and cornmeas alone the exports fall more than \$47.000,000 below those of the corresponding period of hist year In from and steel manufactures the fig-

ures of the seven morths ending with January (February figures being not yet available) show a reduction of about \$16000,000 in exports.

measured by values, while in quantity the increase is in much greater proportion.

Even with this decrease of \$41,000,000, the United States still stand at the head of the world's exporting nations, the total exports of domestic merchandles being. United States, \$53,556,27, and the United Edge, which mest hearly approaches the figures of the United States, \$811,746,750.

BOYS ARRESTED A NEGRO.

Four Messengers at Evansville Get

REPUBLIC SPECIAL. Evansville, Ind., March 21.—Charles Avis, a negro, stole a bicycle this afternoon. He was chased several miles by four small postal messenger boys, who arrested him and took him to police headquarters. The citizens will make up a purse for the lads.

DEATH OF CHARLES G. STROH.

For More Than Twenty Years an Employe of Globe-Democrat.

Charles G. Strob, who for more than twenty years has been employed in the mailing department of the Globe-Democrat, die! early yesterday morning at his home, No



CHARLES G. STROH,

232 Madison street, of pneumonia, after an illness of but five days.

Mr. Stroh was born in St. Louis forty-three years ago. At an early age he entered the service of the St. Louis newspapers. In 1878 he became connected with the mailing department of the Globe-Democrat, by his efficient services working himself up to the position of superintendent of the railway mail delivery, which he held at the time of his death. Eighteen years ago he married Miss Josle Murray, who with two children, survives him. He was a brother to Henry Stroh, foreman of The Republic pressroom; Christian Stroh, foreman of the nutling department, and Louis Stroh, also employed by The Republic. Funeral services will be conducted at his home to-morrow afternoon. The burial will be at Bellefontaine Cemetery. 2923 Madison street, of pneumonia, after an

HELEN GOULD'S NEW PURCHASE

She Has Bought Fine Saddler in Saline County, Missouri.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Marshall, Mo., March 21.—J. W. Barnhill of this city sold his fine saddler to Miss Belen Gould for Size. This makes the fifth fine horse she has bought in this (Saline) county recently, paying \$2,000 for one span.

A Marvelous Spring Health Giver and Invigorator.

Paine's Celery Compound

Purifies the Blood As Nothing Else Can Do.

It Nourishes the Tired Brain and Braces the Weak Nerves.

Paine's Celery Compound purifies the blood as nothing else can do; it is nature's brain food; it builds up weak and shattered nerves; it is the world's best

and surest health giver. Paine's Celery Compound, taken dur-In wheat the exports for the eight mouths show on increase of rearly \$30,00,000, compared with those of the same months of the preceding year, and in provisions there is an increase of \$5,000,000, mount and with February, 1901, though the six months of the cotton year, ending with February 1901, though the six months of the cotton year, ending with February, 1901, though the six months of the cotton year, ending with February, 1901, though the six months of the cotton year, ending with February, 1901, though the six months of the cotton year, ending with February 1901, though the six months of the cotton year, ending with February, 1901, though the six months of the cotton year, ending with February 1901, though the six months of the cotton year, ending with the six months of the cotton year, ending with the six months of the cotton year, end in the six months of the cotton year, end in year, and dyspepsia from the system. Its virtues promptly banish kidney disease and liver troubles. It enables all weak and run-down men and vigerous life.

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tended with biliousness and constipation, for a number of years. During the last year it became so much worse that had a mirery in my stomach nearly all the time, and my flesh left me, until I was a mere skeleton. I have used four bottles of Paine's Celery Compound and am now at my normal weight. You cannot recommend Paine's Celery Compound too highly for chronic dyspepsia."

Mrs. Jennie H. Steele, Vaughns, Ga., who was rescued from the agonies of a terrible disease and sure death, says: "I have suffered for ten years with what the doctors called neuralgia of the liver, and never had any relief until I began to take Paine's Celery Compound. I have taken about three bottles and have not suffered any since I first began to ase it. I feel that Paine's Celery Com-

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ound saved my life."





DID YOU EVER STOP to consider the present with what it was before the "POSTAL" entered

GRANDER THAN EVER.

Luvties's New Store an Example of Pluck and Perseverance.

Pluck and Perseverance.

To-day the Luyties Bros. Grocer Co. return to their handsome new building. Sixth street and Franklin avenue. The public will recall that this enterprising firm had occupied their new building only a few months when it was partially destroyed by fire last November. This naturally was a severe blow, but business was resumed soon after in four stores just south of the burned building. By being ready to serve the public about three days after this disastrous fire with a complete new stock of goods and at popular prices, they not only retained old customers, but gained many new ones.

The new stormoom is handsomer than before. It is stocked with the finest groceries, wines, liquers, cigars, freeh meat, etc., that can be purchased. It will be worth while to visit this store.

J. C. AYER CO., Lowell, Mann





DOMESTIC ART PUPILS.

In spite of the inclement weather, more

There were desserts, salads, pastries and tive shape as could be found in a caterer's shop. The guests were allowed to sample



-By a Republic Photographer.

COOKING CLASS (PRACTICAL HOME COURSE.)

Reading from left to right they are: Nettle Yaeger of Webster, Freda Pietzschka, Perdleton, Mo.; Lillian Adair, St. Louis; Susie Cunningham.St. Louis; Elsle Goerger, St. Louis; Clara Semmelroth, Belleville, Ill.; Julia Webber, St. Louis; Ida Borth, St. Louis.

MINNIS DENOUNCED **COLONEL KERENS**

Missouri Until He Abdicates-Shot at Ziegenhein Machine.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL. Kansas City, Mo., March 21.-James L. Minnis of St. Louis threw a bomb into the Republican camp to-day when he gave out in interview charging National Committeeman Kerens with blockading the party. Nothing, Mr. Minnis declared, could make the Republicans victorious as long as Ker-ens continued to assert his right to lead them. Mr. Minnis's statement is as fol-

"As long as Richard C. Kerens continues in his efforts to be the dictator of the Re-publican party in Missouri there is little hope for the success of the party in the

"I believe the Republicans could carry nore this year if Mr. Kerens would not attempt to continue as the leader of the par ty. Mr. Kerens has been discredited, but he continues to pose as the leader of the party. I do not see any hope for the elec-tion of a United States Senator by the Republicans of Missouri as long as Mr. Ker-

publicans of Missouri as long as Mr. Kerens persists in being a candidate."

"Will Mr. Kerens's announcement that he is in the Roosevelt band wagon assist him?" was asked.

"His declaration that he is a Roosevelt man comes too late," was the reply. "He may be sincere, but I do not think the original Roosevelt supporters in the State will believe it. Mr. Kerens may do many things, but he cannot harmonize the Republicans of Missouri until he abdicates and lets others lead the party. Mr. Kerens is not regarded favorably by the majority of the Republicans of his home city. St. Louis, for ne is so closely identified with the Ziegenhein machine. The Ziegenhein faction is in bad odor, not only in St. Louis, but all over the State."

Mr. Minnis said that if it were not for Mr. Kerens's influence the Republicans could carry the State this year, and could elect a Legislature that would elect a Republican United States Senator.

TEXAS OIL LANDS IN LITIGATION

More Than Four Million Acres Are Involved in a Suit.

New York, March 21.-Valuable oil lands in Texas, estimated to be worth millions of dollars, are involved in an action which of dollars, are involved in an action which has just been tried in the Supreme Court, before Judgo Truax, brought by Cornelius Macardell, owner of 900 shares of the Houston and Texas Central Railway Company, in behalf of himself and other stockholders, against Frederic P. Oicott, as president of the Central Trust Company, the estate of Collis P. Huntington and various trust companies. He asks for an adjudication of more than 4,000,000 acres of land in Texas, owned by the railway company at one time, but conveyed by deed in foreclosure to Olcott.

FATHER AND SON AT WAR.

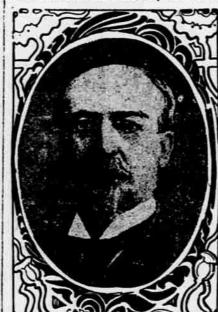
St. Joseph Young Man Charged With Attempt to Kill Parent.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL. St. Joseph, Mo., March 21.—Galen E. Bishop, Jr., aged 18 years, is under arrest, charged with trying to kill his father.

DEATH COMES TO JOHN R. TRIPLETT

Says Republicans Can Never Carry | Secretary of Episcopal Diocese of | Was Mother of Mrs. David R. Fran | President of the Scarritt-Comstock Missouri and Prominent Insurance Man.

> John R. Triplett, president of the St. Louis Fire Prevention Bureau and secretary of the Episcopal Diocese of Missouri for the last thirty years, dled yesterday evening at 6 o'clock at his home, No. 2847 West Pine boulevard. Mr. Triplett had been



JOHN R. TRIPLETT, Who was president of the St. Louis Fire Prevention Bureau and one of Christ

Church Cathedral's oldest members ill for several months, but was confined to bed only a week. His death was due to a disorder of the kidneys.

The funeral will take place Monday morn

ing at 10 o'clock from Christ Church Catheiral, of which Mr. Triplett had been a communicant for nearly fifty years. The burial

dral, of which Mr. Triplett had been a communicant for nearly fifty years. The burial will be in Bellefontaine Cemetery.

John Richards Triplett was born in Richmond, Va., more than seventy-one years ago. He completed his education at the University of Virginia and came to St. Louis in ISS. A year after his arrival in St. Louis Mr. Triplett married Salle, daughter of Major Benjamin Walker, paymaxer of the United States Army.

Mr. Triplett became a member of Christ Church Cathedral shortly after coming to St. Louis, and at the time of his death was one of the four persons who were communicants of the church when the Reverend Doctor Schuyler, now dead, first became its pastor. Mr. Triplett's wife, who survives him, is another of the three early members of the church who are still living.

Mr. Triplett took a conspicuous part in promoting the interests of his religious creed and attended nearly all the general conventions of the Episcopal Church in recent years. He was a delegate to the lass. General Convention in San Francisco.

Mr. Triplett had been connected in various ways with local are insurace interests for thirty years, and before that time had been in the gracery busineer. In which he engaged after leaving the position of secretary of the old St. Louis Gaslight Company.

Besides his widow. Mr. Triplett leaves one daughter, Miss Mary Triplett, and a grand-son.

Want to sell your horse or anything of value? You can do so if you advertise it in The Sunday Republic's "Want" pages. All druggists take ads for The Republic.

GUBERNATORIAL HONORS EVEN. Each Has Denied the Other's Request for a Requisition.

Pierre, S. D., March 21.-Some time ago Governor Herreid Issued a requisition on the Governor of Illinois for J. H. Stover and John Howard Jones, convicted in Cod-ington County on a charge of obtaining money on false pretenses. The requisition was refused. was refused.

A few days ago a requisition by Governor Yates of Illinois was received here for E. Bailey of Watertown, charged in Cook County, Illinois, with perjury in the same cases in which Jones and Stover were wanted in South Dakota. This was Governor Herreid's opportunity and he has refused Governor Yates's request.

MRS. ELIZA J. PERRY DIED AT AGE OF 80

cis and Widow of John D. Perry. Mrs. Eliza Jane Perry, widow of the late

Mrs. Perry had not suffered except from the feebleness of old age, and death came suddenly, but peacefully. The funeral probably will take place from the home to-morrow afternoon.

Mrs. Perry was the daughter of Taiton Turner, a Government surveyor, who was sent into Missouri when the State was a Territory, with General Green Clay, father f the famous General Cassius M. Clay of Kentucky. General Green Clay probably was the first surveyor ever sent into the Louisiana Purchase territory by the United States Government. Perry's mother was a daughter of Judge James Erlekson, treasurer of Missou

rt from 1829 to 1833. The town of Glasgow, Mo., stands on land purchased from Judge Brichson and Mrs. Perry's father, Talton Turner, in 1838. Mrs. Perry was the second of sixteen childerr four of whom John and William ner, wealthy farmers of Howard County, Missouri; Mrs. Elenor Lewis, widow of Benjamin W. Lewis, Sr., and Mrs. Rebecca Lewis, widow of William J. Lewis, of this

city, survive. e was the mother of nine children, five of whom live. Mrs. Perry's first marriage was in 1839, to Mr. Elijah Pulliam of Howand County, Miscouri, Of the three children by that marriage, one, Miss Anna Pulliam, who lived with Mrs. Perry at the Vandeventer place home, survives.

In 1851 she was married to Mr. John P Perry. Six children were born of the second marriage, four of whom, Miss Laura Perry, Mr. Lewis Perry, local treasurer of the American Cotton Company; Mr. Richard E. Perry, vice president of the Neustadt-Perry Company, and Mrs. David R.

Mr. and Mrs. John D. Perry removed to St. Louis from Glasgow, Mo., ig 1854, and with the exception of a four years' sojourn in Europe, resided in th's city from that time on.
Her second husband, John D. Perry died

Her second husband, John D. Perry died in 1255, at the age of 80. He was one of the most argressive and successful financiers the West has ever known. He was known in the West and throughout the country as President of the old Exchange Bank builder and president of the Kansas and Pacific Railroad. For many years he was president of the Lauised National Bank and treasurer and one of the projectors and promoters of the St. Lauis Merchants bridge. The Vandeventer place rousehold consisted of Mrs. Perry, Miss Mary E. Perry, eldest daughter of the late John D. Perry Miss Anna Pulliam Miss Laura Perry and Mr. Lewis Perry, and Misa Eliza Wherry, grand-daughter of Mrs. Perry.

CHOICE OF TWO MILLIONAIRES. Tobacco and Whisky Magnates

Seeking Congressional Honors.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL. Louisville, Ky., March 21.-Louisville Demcorate will have to choose between two millionaires for congressional nomination this year. They are John M. Atherton, who made all his money in distilleries, and Colonel Harry Weissinger, who made his pile in plug tobacco. Each is worth about \$2,00,00, and the campaign promises to be lively.

Campaigning in Oregon County. REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Thaver. Mo., March 21.—W. D. Vandiver and J. J. Russell have just closed their canvess of this county for Congress. They had some joint discussions in the county and excited great interest among the voters. The friends of both are very active. This is the home of Congressman Vandiver's secretary, who belongs to an old and influential family. The result is to be determined by a popular vote of the district. As the vote of the district now stands. Russell carried Mississippi County by 719 majority and Vandiver Ripley by 28, leaving Russell at this time 487 in the lead.

Congressman Benton Here.

Congressman Benton Here.

Congressman M. E. Benton of the Joplin district passed through St. Louis yesterday evening, en route from Washington to his home at Neosho. Mo., where he will look after his interests in the approaching congressional nominating conventions he being a candidate for re-election.

SUDDEN DEATH OF **HENRY H. CURTIS**

Furniture Company and Old Citizen Passes Away.

Henry H. Curtis, president of the Scar-John D. Perry, mother of Mrs. David R. ritt-Comstock Furniture Company and for Francis and descendant of Revolutionary nearly fifty years one of the most promi-War heroes, died early yesterday morning | nent figures in St. Louis's commercial life, at her home, No. 12 Vandeventer place. She died yesterday morning at 7 o'clock at his lacked only three days of being 80 years old. residence, No. 4112 West Pine boulevard. Al-



President of the Scarritt-Comstock Furni-ture Company, who died yesterday.

hough in feeble health for several years.

Mr. Curtis was, until a few days ago, able

to spend some time each day in his office.

His death was due to heart disease. The funeral will take place to-morrow afternoon at 3 o'clock from St. Peter's Church, corner of Lindell boulevard and Spring avenue, of which Mr. Curtis had been a member for the last three years. The Reverend Doctor William Short, pastor of St. Peter's Church, and the Reverend William R. Scarritt, assistant paster of St. George's Church, will read the services. The burial, at which only members of the

family will be present, will be in Bellefon-

taine Cemetery.
Henry Hossmer Curtis was born in 1822

at Mount Vernon, O., where his father, After leaving school, he engaged in mer-cantile pursuits in his native State. He removed to St. Louis in 1853 and at once be moved to St. Louis in 1857 and at once became connected with the firm of Scarritt & Mason. Eight years later he purchased the business of Scarritt & Mason, and continued in the trade for five years under the style of H. H. Curtis. A new company, known as Scarritt, Curtis & Mason. was organized in 1896. That firm was succeeded five years later by Curtis & Mason. Mr. Scarritt, one of its members, having retired from business life. Another change was made not long afterwards to the style of H. H. Curtis, which firm, in turn, continued until the formation of the present Scarritt-Comercek Furniture Company, of which Mr. Curtis was president at the time of his death.

death.

Mr. Curtis was conspicuously identified with the religious life of St. Louis, being at different times vestryman of the Church of the Holy Redeemer and of St. George's the Holy Redeemer and of St. George's Church.
Only one brother. Lafayette Curtis of Chicago, and a niece, Miss Louise Curtis, of St. Louis, survive Mr. Curtis. His wife, Jane U. Gillett Curtis, died several years ago. She was the sister of Mrs. Russell Scarritt.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

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Engle Pass, Tex., March 2i.—A pumping plant to irrigate 500 acres of Rio Grande Valley land near Engle Pass was successfully started this evening. The pump has a capacity of 1,000 gallons a minute. The water is delivered in a main ditch, whence it spreads by laterals over a surface of 500 acres. The enterprise is significant as being the first well-organized plan to utilize the waters of the Rio Grande.

When in need of first class help, use The